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BRUSSELS FOR AMB HINTON; DEPT PASS STR FOR AMB STRAUSS
FROM SMITH

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, EEC
SUBJECT: TEXTILES: MFA RENEWAL

REF: BRUSSELS 8543

1. IMMEDIATELY AFTER AMB HINTON'S 4:30 PM (GENEVA TIME)
TELEPHONE CALL TO SMITH REGARDING NEW REQUEST BY COMMUNITY FOR
REVISED LANGUAGE IN PARA 9, MEMBERS USDEL CONVENED TO SEE HOW
EC DEMAND COULD BE WORKED OUT IN EXISTING TEXT. WE WERE NOT
ABLE TO ARRIVE AT A SOLUTION PRIOR TO 5:30 PM (GENEVA TIME)
MEETING OF SEVEN-PLUS-SEVEN. AFTER AMB HINTON'S TELEPHONE CALL
TO SMITH DURING SEVEN-PLUS-SEVEN MEETING, SMITH PULLED TRAN
ASIDE AND ASKED HIM QUITE FRANKLY WHO WAS ACCUSING THE UNITED STATES
OF BLOCKING THE COMMUNITY ON THIS MATTER AND WHY.
BOTH TRAN AND HIS DEPUTY, KLARIC, DENIED BOTH ORALLY AND
IN SUBSEQUENT HANDWRITTEN NOTES TO SMITH THAT THEY HAD
MADE ANY REPRESENTATIOS TO THE COMMISSION IN BRUSSELS
THAT WE WERE BLOCKING THE COMMUNITY. TRAN'S NOTE TO
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SMITH READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. MIKE, I JUST TALK TO
SIR ROY ENMAN AND I CONFIRM THAT YOU WERE FRIENDLY,
USEFUL, HELPFUL TO ME AND THE EEC. I REALLY DID NOT
UNDERSTAND. MAYBE BEN? (SIGNED) TRAN. END QUOTE.
REFERENCE TO BEN IS DOUBTLESS BENEDICT MEYNELL, AND WE
ALSO DETECT THE FINE HAND OF THE LOCAL FRENCH REP
WHOSE TACTICS CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS OBSTRUCTIONIST.

NOTE FROM KLARIC IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. PAUL (TRAN) IS WORRYING ABOUT YOUR OPINION ON HIM. I HAVE LISTENED TO ALL TELEPHONE CALLS OF PAUL TO ENMAN, DAVIGNON, MEYNELL, (IN THE US MISSION). HE NEVER COMPLAINS AGAINST YOU, ON THE CONTRARY HE WAS REALLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP (SIGNED) IVAN.

2. IMMEDIATELY AFTER SEVEN-PLUS-SEVEN MEETING (RESULTS OF WHICH BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL) US MET WITH JAPANESE COLLEAGUES TO SEE IF JOINTLY THERE WOULD BE SOME WAY WE COULD HELP OUT THE COMMUNITY. THE LANGUAGE REQUESTED BY DAVIGNON HAS BEEN PASSED TO THE JAPANESE, AND BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED TO WORK ON THIS TONIGHT.

3. THE SPECIFIC WORDING WHICH THE COMMUNITY HAS ASKED FOR WILL, FRANKLY, BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS TO WORK OUT BECAUSE OF THE EXPLICITNESS OF THE DESIRED WORDS. NONETHELESS, WE SHALL DO ALL WE CAN TO CONTINUE TO HELP OUT THE COMMUNITY, CONSISTENT WITH OUR MANDATE AND OUR EFFORTS TO SECURE RENEWAL OF THE MFA.VANDEN HEUVEL

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